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1. POLCOUNS PRODDERED MFA DEPT HEAD DAVOUDI JUNE
29 ON QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN NEWS-
PAPER AND OTHER REPORTS REGARDING GULF SECURITY DISCUSSIONS.
DAVOUDI CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY DISCUSSIONS ON GULF SECURITY
BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THROUGH MFA
CHANNELS AT LEAST. HE ADMITTED IT WAS POSSIBLE SUCH DISCUS-
SIONS MIGHT HAVE TAKEN PLACE DIRECTLY WITH THE SHAH, BUT WAS
NOT AWARE OF ANY OCCASIONS RECENTLY WHEN THIS WOULD HAVE AP-
PEARED PROBABLE. HE INSISTED THAT IRAQ HAS NOT CHANGED ITS
POLICY OF BILATERALISM ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE IRAQ HAS ALWAYS
BEEN PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH
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IRAN(IN WHICH IRAQ WOULD PROBABLY RAISE THE QUESTION OF
THE KURDS AS WELL AS GULF AND OTHER MATTERS), IRAQ CONTINUES
TO AVOID MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE. DAVOUDI
THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE IRAQ IS NOT YET PREPARED TO DROP ITS
CLAIMS TO KUWAITI TERRITORY NOR TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT WHICH
MIGHT ALARM AND FURTHER SOUR RELATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS.
HE REFUSED TO BELIEVE AN IRAQI BREAK WITH THE RUSSIANS IS

ON THE HORIZON.

2. AS TO IRANIAN TALKS WITH SAUDIS, DAVOUDI MAINTAINED THAT UNDERSECRETARY ZELLI'S TWO OR THREE TRIPS TO JIDDA WITH MESSAGES FROM THE SHAH HAVE MAINLY CONCERNED OTHER ISSUES, SUCH AS HORN OF AFRICA OR THE YEMENS. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS OF IMPROVING COOPERATION BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES FOR ANTI-TERRORITST PURPOSES, BUT FELT SURE NOTING OF BROADER IMPORT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN ANY SERIOUS MANNER.

3. ON AMBASSADOR SADRIEH MOVING TO GERMANY FROM IRAQ , DAVOUDI CONFIRMED THIS WAS A MATTER OF PERSONAL PREFERENCE PRIMARILY. SADRIEH HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS AN ABLE AMBASSADOR, BUT HIS WIFE IS "SICK" AND NOT ABLE TO GO TO A PLACE LIKE BAGHDAD. AMBASSADOR AMIR-MOKRI IS BEING MOVED TO WARSAW AFTER ONLY A YEAR IN BONN MAINLY FOR SADRIEH'S CONVENIENCE, WE GATHER, BUT DAVOUDI WAS VAGUE ON THIS QUESTION. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IRAN'S PROBABLE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO BAGHDAD WOULD BE FEREIDUN ZANDFARD, FORMERLY AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN. NAAS

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